



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong." ~ George Washington Carver

Oct. 21, 2015

Openings Still Available for Coaching Youth Basketball!

The Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department is recruiting youth basketball coaches for the current season, which runs until Dec. 18. The program includes weekly practices, games one night a week, and a single-elimination tournament. Coaches are still needed for the Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th grade leagues. All leagues are coed through grade 3; girls play in a girls-only league beginning in grade 4. Games and practices take place at the Twin Lakes Recreation Center. All coaches must complete an online certification course from the National Youth Sports Coaches Association, which costs \$20. Scholarships are available. Minimum age is 18. Sign up to coach at <http://bit.ly/BBCoaches> or contact Jeigh Hockersmith at (812) 349-3774 or hockersj@bloomington.in.gov. (www.bloomington.in.gov/parks)

Sycamore Land Trust 'Touch the Invaders' Volunteer Day – Nov. 14; Register by Nov. 12

The Sycamore Land Trust has organized a volunteer work day on Nov. 14 to follow up on a three-year project to control non-native bushes, including autumn olive and Asian bush honeysuckle, that were taking over the scenic "Touch the Earth Natural Area" west of Columbus. You can help them ensure that the invaders don't gain a foothold, while learning about invasive species! Volunteers are asked to wear long pants and sturdy shoes, bring gloves and water, dress for the outdoors, and RSVP by Nov. 12. Minimum age is 18. Please register at <http://tinyurl.com/TouchTheEarth> or by contacting Jaime Sweany at (812) 336-5382 ext. 100 or jaime@sycamorelandtrust.org. (www.sycamorelandtrust.org)

Free Community Tax Service

Become someone's tax hero! If you enjoy both helping others and working with numbers, the Free Community Tax Service could be a perfect volunteer opportunity for you! United Way of Monroe County is now recruiting volunteers to serve as tax preparers for the 2016 tax season to complete simple 1040 or 1040-EZ tax returns for taxpayers and answer their questions, all while maintaining confidentiality. Bilingual individuals are also encouraged to volunteer as tax preparers. This service gives low and moderate-income taxpayers access to free tax information and assistance in the electronic filing of their federal and state tax returns. Continuing education credits are available to qualifying professionals. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Ashley Schoolman at aschoolman@monroeunitedway.org or (812) 334-8370. (www.financialstabilityalliance.org/freetaxes.html)

Bloomington Meals on Wheels Driver

If you enjoy driving and like helping people, consider becoming a Meals on Wheels driver. Drivers deliver meals to homebound people who are recovering from an accident or illness, have a temporary or permanent disability, or are unable to prepare food independently. Volunteers give a year-long, once-a-month commitment and use their own vehicles. Each volunteer delivers to about 12 clients, at lunch time. Minimum age is 21; no minimum if with an adult. Please contact Kathy Romy at mow@bloomingtonhospital.org or (812) 353-2248. (www.bloomingtonmealsonwheels.org)

Volunteer Recorder for Commission on Aging

The City of Bloomington Commission on Aging is seeking a volunteer to record minutes at monthly meetings, which are from 4:30-6 p.m. on the second Tues. of each month at City Hall. Meetings are open to the public. Issues of seniors and aging are discussed each month. A volunteer with a laptop computer would be preferred but is not required. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Sue Owens at (812) 349-3468 or owenss@bloomington.in.gov. (www.bloomington.in.gov/coa)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Hoosier Hills Food Bank

Collects and distributes over 3 million pounds of food to nearly 100 other non-profits annually, including food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and youth programs that serve over 25,800 people. To grant a wish, contact Julio Alonso at julio@hhfoodbank.org or (812) 334-8374. (2333 W. Industrial Park Dr.; www.hhfoodbank.org)

Wishes: work gloves (for warehouse), canned meats & proteins, canned fruits & vegetables, boxed cereal, pickup truck or van, copy paper (color)

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or purchase a couple of items yourself! It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org or call 812-349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

